

WAR CONGRESS IS BESIEGED BY PACIFISTS

WILSON MAY GO TO CAPITOL LATE TODAY

HOSTILE CONSTITUENT ATTACKS LODGE

PLEDGE IS MADE BY MISS RANKIN

First Congresswoman, at Women's Breakfast, Promises to Do Her Best.

EMOTION HALTS ADDRESS

Affecting Scene Witnessed at Shoreham When Tribute Is Paid Pioneer of Sex.

"There will be many times when I will make mistakes. And I need your encouragement and your support. I know I will get it. I promise—

A little catch in the throat, a quick dab of the handkerchief to her eyes, where the tears were beginning to show, and Miss Rankin, the first woman to be elected to the Congress of the United States, had made her speech.

She made no specific promises; she only promised to do her best.

And when she sat down, overcome with the responsibility which today descended upon her, representatives of the National Woman's Party and the National American Woman Suffrage Association had merged for the first time since the severance of relations, years ago.

More Than 150 Present.

More than 150 women were present at the Shoreham to pay tribute to Miss Rankin on the morning she was to take her seat as the first Congresswoman.

There was something pathetic in the extreme emotion which broke back from flushed faces with trembling fingers. Smiles were sudden and tense. There were tears, but Miss Rankin swallowed them and looked intently at her audience, as the speakers rose to pay tribute to her.

It was a moment of peculiar honor for the women. It was the culmination of years of hard, discouraging work. Now the future looked bright for those women who had spent, many of them, the best years of their lives working that they might see their sex represented in the legislative halls of the nation.

Envoy of Womanhood.

At last the long looked for moment arrived when the champion of her sex was to make her pledge to the women whom she was to represent. At that moment she stood, not as the representative of the State of Montana, but as the representative

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PLAN TO SEIZE SHIPS

Nearly Ninety German Vessels Will Be Taken by Government.

Plans were completed by the Government today to take over approximately ninety of the German merchant ships interned in American ports, immediately a state of war is declared to exist by Congress.

MIDDIES BEGIN FAST WORK

New First Class to Graduate in September, Starts Its Course.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., April 2.—To prepare for graduation September 15 next, the new first class at the Naval Academy started its course this morning. The summer practice cruise and leave will be omitted, so the 188 first classmen will have six months to complete work usually requiring eight. It is thought by Academy officials that thoroughly equipped officers will be turned out. The whole course in each required subject will be covered. It is beyond the seriousness of the situation will inspire each midshipman to do thorough work.

Besides the first classmen, members of the new fourth class, probably about 100, will be here after June 6. There will be a great deal of building, including additions to Bancroft Hall, on which about \$1,200,000 will be expended.

Athletic contests will continue even if war is declared.

BUSINESS MEN GATHER

United States Chamber of Commerce Members Eager to Help Govt.

Business men representing all sections of the country gathered today in Washington to discuss co-operation in army buying and to outline a campaign to eliminate excess war profits. The men all chairmen of committees of the United States Chamber of Commerce, are called together by the chamber, and are working with the Council of National Defense. They were conferring today with Major General Sharpe, quartermaster general of the army.

The meeting brought forth a record attendance at the headquarters of the United States Chamber of Commerce, where the initial session was held. Secretary Goodwin explained to the merchants that the meeting was called in order that General Sharpe might advise and instruct the committee chairman as to how they could be of national service in this time of peril.

CHAPLAIN COUDEN'S PRAYER IN HOUSE

"God of the Ages, our Father's God and our God, whose holy influence has shaped and guided the destiny of our Republic from its inception: We wait upon that influence to guide us in the present crisis which has been thrust upon us.

"Diplomacy has failed; moral suasion has failed; every appeal to reason and justice has been swept aside. We abhor war and love peace. But if war has been, or shall be forced upon us, we pray that the heart of every American citizen shall throb with patriotic zeal; that a united people may rally around our President to hold up his hands in every measure that shall be deemed necessary to protect American lives and safeguard our inherent rights.

"Let Thy blessing, we beseech Thee, attend the Congress now convened in extraordinary session under extraordinary conditions which call for extraordinary thought, wise counsel, calm and deliberate legislation; that its resolves and all its enactments may spring spontaneously from loyal and patriotic hearts; that our defenders on land and sea may be amply supplied with the things which make for strength and efficiency.

"And, Oh God, our Heavenly Father, let thy strong right arm uphold, sustain and guide us in a just and righteous cause; for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and glory, forever, amen."

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MANY PETITION FOR REMOVAL OF STONE

Signers Declare Him Unfit for Chairman of Foreign Relations Committee.

Strong opposition to the retention of Senator William J. Stone, best known as "Gum Shoe Bill," as chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, because of his opposition to the armed neutrality measure, continues to be demonstrated.

Large numbers of letters and petitions are still coming to members of the Senate, urging them to depose Senator Stone from the chairmanship. Senator Martin of Virginia, Democratic leader, has received petitions from 100 persons in which about 5,000 signers urge that Senator Stone be ousted.

Such communications caused a revival of talk that Senator Stone might yet be removed as chairman, but there is, as yet, no evidence that any plan is being organized to that end, and friends of Senator Stone said that nothing would result from such an attempt.

NO MERCY, SAYS T. R.

Men in His Division Will Have No Holiday, He Writes.

AUSTIN, Tex., April 2.—Capt. Sloan Simpson, of Dallas, who held a commission in Col. Theodore Roosevelt's regiment of Rough Riders in the Spanish war, is in southwest Texas organizing recruits from the ranches for the division which Colonel Roosevelt plans to offer the Government in case of war with Germany. In a letter to Captain Simpson, Colonel Roosevelt says:

"Of course, I can make no positive promise as to the commission for any men until I know what the situation is, what the War Department will allow me to do, what their colonel thinks of them, etc., but I want you to be ready to make recommendations. Now, if I go into this division it means business. I expect no mercy myself and I shan't show any mercy.

"If I don't produce good results I expect the department to scrap me, and if by my own sons don't produce good results I shall scrap them.

"Make everybody to whom you speak know that accepting a commission under me will be no holiday, and if the men are going to receive the very best possible service he had a great deal better get some with me at all. I shall, as you know is my habit, recognize good work and shall not pardon bad work."

WOMEN TO MEET HERE

Will Form Plans to Mobilize Feminine Power of Country.

The National League for Women's Service, organized to aid the Government by endeavoring to mobilize the "woman power of America," will meet in Washington tomorrow, according to a statement issued yesterday by the New York office of the organization.

During the meeting the organization will determine how women may be made available to take the place of men called to the colors.

A census of the women workers of the United States probably will be decided on.

WOMEN PICKETS BACK AT POSTS

Suffragists Resume Silent Sentinel Work Before Congress Reconvenes.

PARADE IS FIRST FEATURE

"Guards" Arrive Simultaneously at White House and Office Buildings.

Half an hour in advance of the opening of Congress in extra war session, silent picketing by suffragists was re-established in the Capitol today.

Simultaneously, women vote seekers, under direction of Miss Alice Paul, head of the National Woman's Party, went on "guard duty" at the White House and at the Senate and House office buildings.

They will be kept there as long as the extra session of the Sixty-fifth Congress lasts, according to a statement by Miss Paul today.

Leave at 11:25.

Timing the procession so that the pickets at the White House would reach the east and west gates of the Executive Mansion simultaneously with those who went in automobiles to establish a picket at the Senate and House office buildings, the suffragists left the headquarters of the National Woman's Party on Madison place at 11:25 o'clock.

The procession from headquarters to the White House was headed by Mrs. Jessie Hardy MacKay, who carried a large suffrage banner of yellow, with the following inscribed in bold, black letters:

"Without Extinction is Liberty. Without Retrograde is Equality."

Headed Auto Parade.

Miss Mabel Vernon, of Nevada, headed the group of suffragists who rode in two undecorated automobiles to the Capitol.

Miss Vivian Pierce, of California; Miss Ruth Crocker, of Illinois; and Miss Hazel Hunkins, of Montana, representing the women in the States which enjoy whole or partial suffrage, took up positions at the main entrance to the Senate office building. They carried banners. On them was inscribed the following:

"Russia and England are enfranchising women in wartime" and "How long American women wait for liberty?"

PICKETS AT HOUSE

Pickets who took stations opposite the House office building were Mrs. Alden Potter, of Minnesota; Mrs. William L. Colt, of New York, and Miss Mary Gertrude Fendall, of Maryland. Six "silent suffragists" took up their positions at the East entrance to the White House.

Three went to the West gate, headed by Miss Berta Crane, of California, who had charge of the suffragists of the White House picket.

The pickets who went "on guard" at the White House at 11:30 o'clock were relieved at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon.

IN FIRST GROUP

In the first group that marched over to the Executive Mansion from suffrage headquarters on Madison place were Mrs. Donald R. Hooker, president of the Just Government League of Maryland; Mrs. Townsend Scott, Baltimore; Mrs. Margaret Baker, Delaware; Mrs. Blanche Weaver, Missouri; Mrs. J. E. Lambie, New York; Mrs. Ida Craft, of the Rosalie Jones Albany bakers; Miss Edie Hill, daughter of Congressman Hill of Connecticut; and Miss Maud Jamison, Virginia.

They will be relieved at 2:30 o'clock and at subsequent periods this afternoon by Mrs. Helena Hill Wood, of Connecticut; Mrs. Kate Beech, Miss Edna Odele, Miss A. M. McCoy, Mrs. George Odele, all of the District; Mrs. William Kent, of California; Mrs. Z. H. Loftland, and Miss J. E. Field, of Delaware; Miss Esther Stevens, of New York, and Miss Mary B. Dixon, of Maryland.

MARSHAL FORCES

After Miss Crane had got the Capitol pickets into automobiles and sent them away, she turned her attention to marshaling the forces for the march on the White House.

As the women lined up in single file and waited for word to start, the east gates of the White House grounds were opened and an automobile rolled out.

"There! We've missed the President!" cried some one, and the ranks had to be adjusted again.

"Our detachments are being picketed," is prompted by highest patriotic motives," declared Miss Alice Paul, head of the National Woman's Party. "We women want to take our part in the responsibility of the Government."

CONGRATULATES RUSSIA

A resolution congratulating the people of Russia upon their assumption of the "powers, duties, and responsibilities of self-government" was introduced in the House today by Congressman Goodwin of Arkansas.

CLARK CHOSEN HOUSE LEADER

Placed in Nomination for Speakership by Republican Member of House.

GREAT PATRIOTIC OUTBURST

Schall, Blind Congressman, Presents Democrat's Name to Lawmakers.

Champ Clark, of Missouri, was elected Speaker of the House at 1:40 o'clock this afternoon by a vote of 217 for Clark, 205 for James R. Mann, 2 for Lenroot, and 2 for Gillett.

As a result of this action, President Wilson may go before Congress this afternoon.

Unless all advance indications fail, he will urge the immediate adoption of a resolution recognizing the existence of a state of war between the United States and Germany.

Anticipating the request that the President will make, Chairman Hal Flood, of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, announced definitely the war resolution would not "declare" war against Germany, but would "recognize" a state of war.

The resolution has been completed and will be introduced immediately after the President concludes his address.

Complete Organization

Complete Democratic organization of the House was forecast by the Clark vote, although the Democratic candidates for office in the House may not receive so many votes. Congressman Haskins, of New York, and James of Michigan, of Illinois, voted present, and did not support Mr. Mann.

Never Swiftly.

After the roll call to establish presence of a quorum, to which 429 out of 435 members responded, the House moved swiftly toward organization.

The absentees were Congressmen Lee, Democrat, of Georgia; Capsticks, Republican, of New Jersey; Helgesen, Republican, of North Dakota, and Bleakley, Republican, of Pennsylvania.

Congressman Lee, just from a sick bed, subsequently was assisted into the chamber and cast his vote for Speaker Clark. There were two vacancies because of death, the seats

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GRIFFMEN START HOME

Game With Reds Called Off Because of Wet Grounds.

CINCINNATI, O., April 2.—Cold weather and wet grounds caused today's game between the Griffmen and the Reds to be canceled. The Washington club left at 12:45 for home, being due to arrive at 7 o'clock tomorrow morning.

ADMITS PENFIELD'S RECALL

State Department Refuses to Discuss Possible Break With Austria.

Departure of Ambassador Penfield from Vienna, officially admitted today, may portend a break in relations or a state of war with Austria. The State Department, however, refused to discuss the situation.

This Government has endeavored to prevent a break, and when Austria sent her last submarine note—a mild endorsement of Germany's policy, but with manifest exceptions in favor of America—the Administration let it be known the message was considered favorable for continuance of negotiations.

The Administration may be removing Penfield in the fear that he would have difficulty in leaving after a break or war.

Italy was for a long time at war with Germany's ally, Austria, but actual war between Germany and Italy was delayed for more than a year.

MORE GUARDSMEN OUT

War Department Calls Two Regiments and a Field Battery.

Additional national guardsmen were ordered out today for police protection duty.

They are the Second West Virginia Infantry, the Fourth Virginia Infantry, and Battery E, Virginia field artillery.

The units called out today bring the total number of guardsmen now in arms and in Federal service up to approximately 38,000.

GARDNER DEMANDS VOTE OF WAR

A demand for a straightout declaration of war against Germany was made in a House resolution introduced today by Congressman Augustus P. Gardner of Massachusetts, who advocates no half-way measures in dealing with the present situation.

Mr. Gardner had his resolution prepared in advance of the convening of the House, and it was among the first offered in the new Congress.

Following is the text of the resolution:

A resolution declaring war between the German Empire and the United States of America.

Whereas the triumph of Germany would destroy the liberty of the world, and

Whereas the grandeur of the United States will not permit its share of the burden of war to be borne by other nations, and

Whereas after repeated warnings in defiance of the laws of God and man, Germany has continued to destroy American ships and to take American lives, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That war be and the same is hereby declared between the German Empire and the United States of America, and that the President is authorized and directed to use the whole land and naval forces of the United States against the said German Empire, its subjects, and dependencies.

PACIFIST IS BEATEN FOLLOWING ATTACK ON VETERAN SOLON

Senator Lodge First Floors Assault and Then Messenger Boy Jumps Into Fight and Finishes Up Job.

Pacifism led to war in the corridors of the Senate end of the Capitol today.

Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, of Massachusetts, and Alexander Bannwart, of Boston, a pacifist, downed each other in a battle of words, and there was a lively battle of fists, which finally terminated in Bannwart getting a sound beating at the hands of David B. Herman, a Western Union messenger boy, of this city.

PACIFIST PROMPTLY ARRESTED.

Bannwart was promptly arrested and taken to No. 6 precinct station. Senator Lodge went on about his duties as usual.

The affair caused great excitement at the Capitol, and was the subject of even more talk than war with Germany. Senator Lodge is sixty-seven years of age, and the fact he was able to more than hold his own against a younger antagonist inspired his colleagues with a new respect for his militancy.

Blood was spilled in the near riot, but it was not that of Senator Lodge. Bannwart, when taken to the station, was cut and bleeding about the face and head. Whether this was due to Senator Lodge or to Herman is a matter of dispute.

A small party of pacifists called at the office of Senator Lodge, the party consisting of Bannwart, who is a young man; the Rev. Paul Harris Drake, pastor of Christ Church, Dorchester, and Mrs. Anna May Peabody, of Cambridge.

FIFTEEN STRIKERS HAILED INTO COURT

Accused of Commandeering Car and Running It Wild Off Tracks.

Fifteen striking street car men were brought into Police Court today charged with violating Section 848 of the District code in connection with the recent commandeering of a street car in E street southeast and running it wild off the tracks into a vacant lot.

Four of the defendants were held in \$3,000 bond and the other eleven in \$1,500 bond each, for the action of the grand jury.

Assistant District Attorney Harvey Given in asking the court to fix the bond stated that in the case of at least four of the men the grand jury would be asked to return additional indictments for conspiracy.

SQUIRREL HUNTERS ARE READY TO FIGHT

"Ain't One of Us Missed in Ten Years," Says North Carolina Telegram.

One of the members of the North Carolina delegation in Congress received this morning from his district, which embraces the mountains of North Carolina, the following telegram:

"Tell them authorities up there there's 5,000 of us mountain fellows ready for war, and we ain't none of us missed a squirrel in ten years."

LIGHTS DOME AGAIN

Superintendent Woods Will Continue Illumination.

Beginning this evening, the dome of the Capitol will be illuminated nightly until midnight. A great flood of radiance supplied by 119 lamps of 400 watts each will bathe the superstructure of the building soon after sunset.

Orders to this effect were issued today by Elliott Woods, superintendent of the Capitol police.

All the lamps used in the flood lighting during the inauguration period have remained in place except those of the terrace, and they are now being again installed. Only once since the inauguration has the dome been illuminated, that being the occasion of the reception to the national guardsmen. The dome will be illuminated probably throughout the extraordinary session of Congress.

POLICE DRIVE PACIFISTS OFF CAPITOL STEPS

Crowd of 1,500 Gathered by Emergency Peace Federation Is Dispersed.

REBUKED BY CONGRESSMEN

"Patriotic Pilgrims" Gathering Here to Counteract Anti-War Propaganda.

When a crowd of pacifists estimated at 1,500 under the leadership of the Emergency Peace Federation attempted to hold a demonstration on the steps in the east front of the Capitol at noon today their plans were promptly frustrated by Capitol policemen reinforced by a squad from the Metropolitan police force.

Plans of the pacifists had been to gather on the steps at noon today and listen to speeches from various Congressmen. When the time arrived, however, the steps were filled with a mass of waiting pacifists, a squad of Capitol policemen emerged from the doors of the Capitol and drove them to the plaza below. Here a squad of twenty mounted policemen under the command of Lieutenant DuVal, of the First precinct, surrounded the crowd and kept a watchful eye for any possible outbreak of disorder.

"War Is Out of War" slogan.

Each of the pacifists was decorated with a band with the words "Keep us out of war" tied around his arm. Many sightseers who had gathered on the steps with the pacifists were allowed to remain where they stood. This fact gave rise to a violent protest from Miss Elizabeth Freeman, one of those in charge of the demonstration.

"You see," she said, her voice trembling with emotion, "they have discriminated against us. While they allowed the militarists to keep their stations up here, they drive us to the street below."

This it seemed, however, was not the only thing which barred the demonstration today. Miss Freeman stated that the pacifists had come to the Capitol after being assured by certain Congressmen that they would be given a hearty welcome by peacefully inclined lawmakers. The Senators and Congressmen, however, who they were, failed to "show up" and the demonstration fell flat.

Numerous Angry Encounters.

Angry colloquies between pacifists and Senators were numerous today in addition to the fist fight in which Senator Lodge became engaged.

"You're the best ally the Germans have got," said Senator Bannwart to a crowd of pacifists who were delivering their arguments to him in the corridor just outside the Senate chamber. The Senator walked indignantly away, after expressing his views.

Senator Wadsworth of New York also clashed with a group of pacifists who waylaid him. In the midst of criticism of the policy of the United States, Senator Wadsworth said, "I won't stand and listen to a bunch of people call their own country names."

Senator Wadsworth turned his back and abruptly ended the interview.

This afternoon at 2 o'clock the prayers of the pacifists were mingled with the rattling musketry, the tramp of soldiers, and the stern command of officers at Convention Hall, otherwise known as the L street armory of the National Guard of the District of Columbia.

The pacifists gathered to form a national committee of the various organizations throughout the country represented by the men and women delegates.

Guardsmen in Same Hall.

The guardsmen had assembled in response to the call to the colors issued by the War Department, and they worked like beavers to get their equipment ready for active service.

In the corridor through which the pacifists had to pass to get into the meeting hall hung a large placard inscribed with "Dangerous Citizens" and containing ludicrous cartoons of eight or ten different kinds of pacifists.

At the headquarters of the Emergency Peace Federation it was stated that 5,000 opponents of war had gathered in the National Capitol. None of the officials of the federation, however, were able to find any records of registrations of the various delegations from different parts of the country.

Great excitement and confusion prevailed at the federation's headquarters, men and women being busy taking money from new members of their organization, registering individuals and issuing sashes, armlets, red, white and blue ribbon and literature.

Police Block Parade.

Captain Flather, of the First precinct, and a big detail of uniformed policemen as well as several plain clothes detectives, were stationed at